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H.B. No. 714

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of certain municipalities to create a
3 presumption in a prosecution for certain offenses involving the
4 parking of a motor vehicle.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 545.309 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 545.309. PRESUMPTION; CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFENSES. (a)
9 This section applies only to a municipality with a population of 1.9
10 million or more that enacts an ordinance creating an offense
11 involving the parking of an unattended vehicle in certain areas in
12 the front or side yard of a single-family residence that is located
13 in a residential area.

14 (b) The governing body of a municipality, by ordinance,
15 order, or other official action, may provide that in a prosecution
16 for an offense described by Subsection (a) it is presumed that the
17 registered owner of the vehicle is the person who parked the vehicle
18 at the time and place the offense occurred.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.